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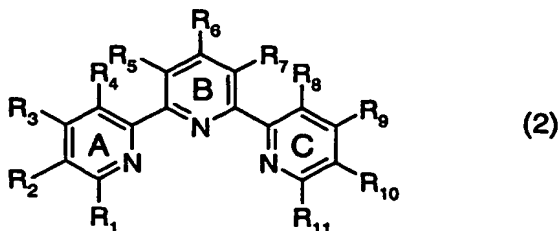
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(57) Abstract: Use, as a catalyst for oxidation
reactions using molecular oxygen and/or air, of at
least one metal complex compound of formula (1)
wherein Me is manganese, titanium, iron, cobalt,
nickel or copper, X is a coordinating or bridging
radical, n and m are each independently of the
other an integer having a value of from 1 to 8, p is
an integer having a value of from 0 to 32, z is the
charge of the metal complex, Y is a counter-ion,
q = z/(charge of Y), and L is a ligand of formula
(2) wherein R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉,
R₁₀ and R₁₁ are each independently of the others
hydrogen; unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl
or aryl; cyano; halogen; nitro; -COOR₁₂ or -SO₃R₁₂
wherein R₁₂ is in each case hydrogen, a cation or
unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl or aryl;
-SR₁₃, -SO₂R₁₃ or -OR₁₃ wherein R₁₃ is in each case
hydrogen or unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl

or aryl; -NR₁₄R₁₅; -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-NR₁₄R₁₅; -N⁽⁺⁾R₁₄R₁₅R₁₆; -(C₁-C₆alkylene)-N⁽⁺⁾R₁₄R₁₅R₁₆; -N(R₁₃)-(C₁-C₆alkylene)-NR₁₄R₁₅;
-N[(C₁-C₆alkylene)-NR₁₄R₁₅]₂; -N(R₁₃)-(C₁-C₆alkylene)-N⁽⁺⁾R₁₄R₁₅R₁₆; -N[(C₁-C₆alkylene)-N⁽⁺⁾R₁₄R₁₅R₁₆]₂; -N(R₁₃)-N-R₁₄R₁₅;
or -N(R₁₃)N⁽⁺⁾R₁₄R₁₅R₁₆, wherein R₁₃ is as defined above and R₁₄, R₁₅ and R₁₆ are each independently of the other(s) hydrogen or
unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₁₈alkyl or aryl, or R₁₄ and R₁₅, together with the nitrogen atom linking them, form an unsubstituted
or substituted 5-, 6- or 7-membered ring which may contain further hetero atoms.